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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Paul Quinn Community Development Corporation (CDC), of Dallas, Texas, would like to voice its vigorous support for the licensing of LPFM stations, especially as they have the potential to affect underserved minority communities such as South Dallas.

We also feel that educational institutions, such as Paul Quinn College, (a historically black college), would be best equipped, both figuratively and literally, to carry out the spirit of the LPFM mandate as we understand it.

The African-American community of South Dallas lost -- just last year, in fact -- the bulk of its African-American commentary radio to the recent broadcast industry consolidations which have taken place in the Southwest.

To help counter this alarming trend, Paul Quinn College, and the Paul Quinn CDC, as anchor institutions of South Dallas= black community, are prepared to gather and host the various, diverse, voices of the community and have already garnered, to this end, the support of local church groups, politicians, academics and community leaders, for such a community-centered station, if the LPFM concept were to be approved.

We are fortunately situated on one of the highest hills in South Dallas, so that the broadcast reach mentioned in the request for comments, would well-serve the entire target audience, even at the 1,000 watt level B and serving this entire community is indeed our intent. A recent donation of broadcast equipment and a broad-based constituency, both make our proposal feasible, and bring a certain synergy which multiple small stations might lack.

In essence, we would advocate one top-power station, over several channel-clogging mini-microstations, and are willing to accommodate various community opinions on one ACommunity Station= as best we can.

While we are well-qualified to operate a small broadcast station as a commercial entity, we prefer, at this point, to approach LPFM as an educational non-profit, through the CDC=s 501(c)3. To assist in this, the college is blessed with a large network of financial and technical support throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

If you have any questions, or if there is any way we can facilitate the Commissions work on this issue, please call Andrew Richard at the CDC: (214) 302-3680, or Dr. Raymond Reed, the CDC=s Executive Director, at: (214) 302-3685.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this wondrous idea. We look forward to hearing of the application timelines and procedures, if LPFM is approved, and stand certain that such a good idea will come to pass.

Very Truly Yours,
Andrew Richard